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MEMORANDUM

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TO File
FROM Reed Neuman
SUBJECT Dead Creek: Empire Disposal - phone conversation with
Ken Mensing - 10/7/80

10/7/80 Ken Mensing - T/F

KM got a call few minutes ago -
caller said he had knowledge about dumping in Dead Creek -
caller wouldn't give his name - fearful of reprisals

caller mentioned Empire Disposal -
owned by Mike Maney -
KM thinks Empire now is hauling sludge for Edwin Cooper Co.
[old CWS plant - RWN] to site in Belleville -
Cooper Co. makes oil additives, etc.

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anyway, caller talked recently to a driver for Empire named
Wheeler -
KM thinks caller said Wheeler still works for Empire -
Wheeler told caller that he used to (4-5 years ago) dump
wastes for Empire at Dead Creek -
people would do it late at night or early morning-part of his job -
in went on for a period of some months -
trailer? KM thought caller told him wastes could have been sludge from
someone in Granite City, or wastes from Cerro Copper,
Cooper, etc.

Walnut St. at quarry pond?
Wheeler told caller an old lady would open a gate for him to
give him access to the ditch -
caller was fearful of Maney himself -
wouldn't give his name or number-[we may have lost him]

KM suggested that union people at Cooper Co. may know about

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Empire's drivers and operations -
KM got call some time back from union reps working at Cooper-
health & safety officers, etc.
they were asking about manifest system, etc. (unrelated to
Dead Creek dumping) -
names:

- 1) Eddie Domion (sp.)
- 2) Roger Rapp
- 3) Carl Little (call other 2 first)

call them at the plant -